

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. Through WHIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and others to develop

FY 2004 WHIP Activities

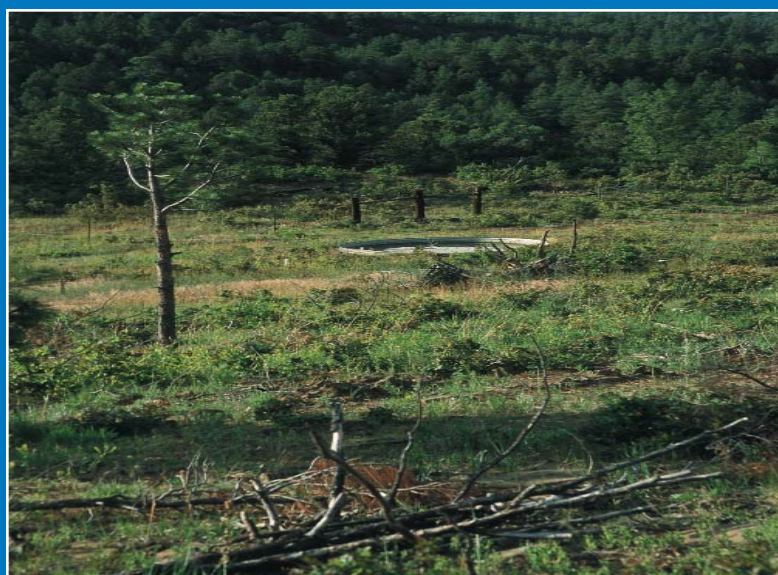
Number of Applications Received 7
Number of Applications Contracted . . . 6
Dollar Amount Approved. \$17,012
Acres Under Contract. 1,285.9

upland, wet-
land, riparian,
and aquatic
habitat areas on
their property.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program offering landowners technical and financial support to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.

FY 2004 WRP Activities

Type Approved	Approved Funding	Acres Treated
30-Year	\$89,000	120
Total	\$89,000	120



The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. EQIP provides financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. EQIP may cost share up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices.

FY 2004 EQIP Contract Funding in the Republican River Watershed

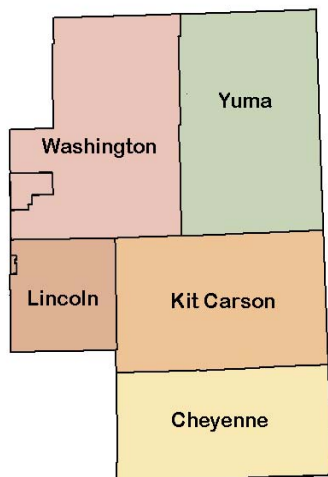
Natural Resource Concerns	Applications Received	Applications Contracted	\$ Amount Approved
Water Quality	120	37	\$666,788
Soil Erosion	62	31	\$307,735
Grassland	102	69	\$842,758
Animal Waste	27	12	\$446,079
Wildlife	14	1	\$2,240
CNMP	33	14	\$7,000
Ground and Surface Water	82	22	\$576,792
Total	440	186	\$2,849,392

Republican River Watershed

What is a Watershed? A watershed is the land that water flows across or under on its way to a stream, river, or lake. Everyone lives in a watershed. You and everyone in your watershed are part of the watershed community.

Colorado's Watershed Approach: Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watershed work groups to identify local resource needs and priorities. These work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities. In turn, NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

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Colorado Counties Served

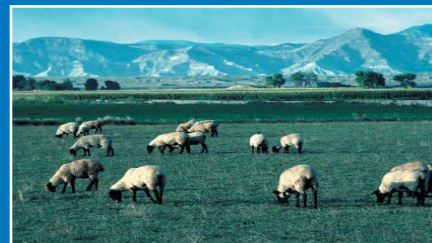


6,236,164 Acres

Land Use	Acres
Irrigated Cropland	510,000
Non-Irrigated Cropland	1,900,000
Rangeland	3,018,064
Irrigated Hay & Pasture	47,000
Non-Irrigated Hay & Pasture	65,000
Forest Land	900
Urban	9,000
Conservation Reserve Program	596,200



Resources at Work in the Republican River Watershed



The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners restore and protect grasslands, including rangeland and pastureland, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. It emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grassland under the greatest threat of conversion.

FY 2004 GRP Statewide Activity

Applications Received353
Applications Contracted7
Dollars Approved \$2,250,000
Acres Under Contract9,066